

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
CONSTRUCTED WETLAND
CODE 656**

Landowner/Operator _____

Job Location _____ GPS _____

Prepared By _____ Date _____

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

A properly operated and maintained wetland is an asset to the farm. The estimated life span of this installation is at least 5 - 10 years. The life of this system can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out an effective operation and maintenance program. An effective program includes:

- ☐ Maintain cross-section and gradient in all earth work. Maintain design elevations and cross section of dikes and appurtenances. Repair or replace side slope damage where needed.
- ☐ Remove debris, and trash that may hinder system operation.
- ☐ Inspect structures and rock riprap sections for accelerated weathering and displacement. Repair or replace to original grades as necessary.
- ☐ Maintain vigorous growth of vegetation on disturbed areas. Re-seed and fertilize as necessary to maintain stand and growth.
- ☐ Remove rodents and/or burrowing animals that have or may damage earth fills. Repair any damage caused by their activity.
- ☐ Repair any vandalism, vehicular or livestock damage.

Other _____
